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SUBJ: ECEVIT COMMENTS ON TURKISH-NATO RELATIONS

1. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT IS REPORTED IN MARCH 6 TURKISH PRESS AS HAVING STATED IN A RECENT INTERVIEW FOR YUGOSLAV TELEVISION THAT "TURKEY IS COMPELLED TO GIVE A NEW DIRECTION TO ITS FOREIGN POLICY." ECEVIT REPORTEDLY SAID THAT A REORIENTATION DID NOT MEAN "ABANDONING THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY TO WHICH TURKEY BELONGS," BUT WAS BASED ON THE "REALITY" THAT "TURKEY CANNOT DEPEND ON ITS NATO MEMBERSHIP ALONE FOR ITS NATIONAL SECURITY." ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNTS, ECEVIT STATED THAT THIS "NEW CONCEPT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE...DOES NOT HAVE TO CONTRADICT MEMBERSHIP IN NATO" BUT WOULD HAVE TO PERMIT TURKEY TO OPERATE "MORE FREELY, INDEPENDENTLY AND SUFFICIENTLY."

2. ECEVIT ALSO IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE RPP WAS  
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"SERIOUSLY PREPARING" FOR COMING TO POWER IN THE OCTOBER, 1977

ELECTIONS.

3. COMMENT: ECEVIT'S STATEMENTS CONCERNING GOT-NATO  
RELATIONS ARE SIMILAR TO HIS PREVIOUS COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT.  
HOWEVER, BY EMPHASIZING THE NEW INDEPENDENCE OF TURKISH  
FOREIGN POLICY, HE APPARENTLY TRIED TO MAKE TURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICY,  
DESPITE ITS MEMBERSHIP, MORE PALATABLE TO THE YUGOSLAVS.  
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